



City Councilmember

**Carl DeMaio**

News Release

# **DeMaio Outlines Major Road Repair Funding and Reforms in His “Save Our Streets” Plan**

***Unveils “Infrastructure Lock Box” Proposal to Generate \$335-497 Million for Road Repairs in Next 5 Years; 7 Major Reforms to Improve Road Management***

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San Diego – Councilmember Carl DeMaio today released a major proposal to transform the condition of San Diego’s crumbling roads. DeMaio’s “Save Our Streets” Plan would restore adequate funding to road repair and maintenance over 5 years – something the City has not achieved in nearly 20 years.

“San Diegans are sick of crumbling roads, and our neighborhoods deserve better. The city’s current model for managing road repairs is as broken as the roads in San Diego’s neighborhoods. A simple patch job will no longer suffice – we must make major changes in structure, process, personnel and incentives to get the job done,” notes DeMaio.

DeMaio’s plan begins by clearly calculating the true extent of the city’s road repair deficit and proposes the creation of an “Infrastructure Lock Box” to bridge the funding shortfall. The proposal would generate \$335-\$497 million in ongoing funding to catch up on road repairs. The Lock Box would not require any increase in taxes and would be funded by the regular growth in city revenues over the next five years – as well as proceeds from improved management of existing city assets.

DeMaio also outlines solutions to severe flaws in way the city currently manages road projects. To streamline road projects DeMaio is proposing four Innovation Labs be created allowing flexibility for process redesign. DeMaio also proposes the use of “performance-based contracts” for road work and the appointment of an Inspector General to oversee road conditions and work.

“My plan restores the funding to road repairs that city politicians have raided over the years, and will enact tough reforms to ensure those funds are properly spent by overhauling the way the city manages road projects,” concludes DeMaio.

Download DeMaio’s plan on roads: [www.SanDiego.gov/cd5](http://www.SanDiego.gov/cd5)

## **DeMaio’s Road Repair Plan**

### **Infrastructure Lock Box**

Commits \$335 to \$497 million over 5 years in increased funding for road repairs without tax increases

### **Reveal Full Road Repair Deficit**

Current deficit on road repairs is hidden by city leaders, but tops \$116 million each year

### **Inspector General for Roads**

Provide oversight of road conditions and quality of repairs

### **Innovation Labs for Repairs**

Transform the way city manages road repairs through 4 Innovation Labs covering 25% of the city in the first 2 years of the plan

**Tougher Street Warrantees:** Hold utilities and developers accountable to restoring roads to same or better condition